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CLOSING EXERCISES LAST EVENING

OF CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL AT CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING

Exercises Witnessed by a Large Audience.—Medals Awarded and Scholarships Announced.—Scholarship Medal Won by Miss Lizzie Dalton.—Certificates Presented by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier.—Twenty-Six Graduates.—Scholarly Address Delivered by Dr. William A. Webb, President of Randolph Macon Woman's College.

The closing exercises of the commencement of Concord High School were held last evening at 8 o'clock at Central school. Like the previous exercises, they were witnessed by a large audience. The programme consisted of the announcement of scholarships, the awarding of medals and the annual literary address, which was delivered by Dr. William A. Webb, president of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, of Lynchburg, Va.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, after which there was a song by the graduating class. Superintendent Webb then announced the following scholarships:

For the best general average, a scholarship to Catawba College—Miss Lizzie Dalton.

Trinity College—Buford Blackwelder.

Davidson College—James McCorkle Caldwell.

The declaimers' medal, given by Mr. Charles B. Wagoner and won by Mr. Buford Blackwelder, was presented to Mr. Blackwelder by Dr. L. A. Sible.

The recitation medal, given by Canonville Council No. 25 J. O. U. A. M., which was won by Miss Bertie Irene Benfield Friday evening, was presented to Miss Benfield by Mr. L. T. Hartwell.

The scholarship medal offered by Forest Hill Council No. 49 J. O. U. A. M. and for the best average in scholarship was won by Miss Lizzie Dalton. The medal was presented to Miss Dalton by Mr. James C. Fink.

Mr. Fred L. Blythe, principal of the High School, read the names of the graduates and the certificates were awarded by Rev. Dr. J. M. Grier. The graduates are:

English course—Bertie Irene Benfield, Mary Rockwell Brumley, Lena Hall Fisher, Helen Ruby Farr, Walter Eugene Furr, William Lelich Glass, Marvin Olivia Misenheimer, Laura Ina Moore, Nannie Lee Ross, Helen Young Suther.

Classical course—Buford Blackwelder, Lela Barton Bruton, Lattie Letha Bunn, James McCorkle Caldwell, Marie Stuart Caldwell, Ruby Edward Lane, Lizzie Pearson Dalton, Ruth Naomi Dry, Helen May Fisher, Ethel James Furr, Lillian Estelle Holt, Ora Estelle Honeycutt, Beulah Louise Isonhour, Jamie Ruth Kluttz, Frances Fisher Ridenhour, Annie Edith Snyder.

Following the presentation of certificates Miss Josephine Branner Atkins rendered a violin solo accompanied by Miss Mary Hartwell at the piano.

Prof. A. S. Webb introduced Doctor Webb, stating that the school board was keenly disappointed from a message was received from Mr. J. H. Southgate of Durham, who had accepted an invitation to deliver the address saying he could not be here on account of illness of his sister, and that in this difficulty he had turned to his brother for aid and that this call sent up to Virginia was readily responded to.

Expressing his pleasure at having the opportunity of returning to North Carolina Dr. Webb stated that he was surprised at the evidence of progress that were being made in North Carolina. The agricultural, industrial and educational progress that is being made in North Carolina, he said, challenges the admiration of the world.

Speaking of the devotion and loyalty of the State's citizens Dr. Webb most happily and appropriately illustrated it by telling of an incident which occurred several years ago. There was a young man, he said, who had just graduated from one of the State's leading colleges and had accepted a position as teacher of a country school at a meagre salary. Knowing the young man and the condition that made the job of the teacher small, and knowing also, that out in the fertile West where resided, he could secure a much larger salary, I wrote to him and offered to get him a position with a much larger salary. His reply was something like this:

Dear Will—I know I am making only \$40 a month, but it is worth \$1,000 a year to live in North Carolina.

"That young man," said the speaker, "is your superintendent of schools." An avalanche of applause greeted this statement, the audience realizing the extent of the sacrifice made by the young man.

swept through the auditorium and was sustained for many moments. It was a spontaneous outburst but its genuineness was unmistakable.

"I do not marvel," continued Dr. Webb after the applause had subsided, "at your great progress when North Carolina can lay hands on her young men and keep them with such loyal devotion."

Dr. Webb congratulated Concord on her schools and the fact that \$20,000 had recently been voted to build a high school and he expressed the hope that the educational work here would continue until the high school had reached the point in efficiency where it would meet the demands of all the great colleges and universities.

The human will, its development, power and application was the theme of Doctor Webb's address. A speaker of force, an educator of renown Dr. Webb's address last night was scholarly, able and inspiring and he was heard with manifest interest by the large assemblage.

"Educators," he said, "consider the fundamental core of a personality is the human will. It is the compelling, dynamic force that directs and governs. We no longer separate the faculties into water-tight compartments but educate the whole man. If there is any power stronger than the human will I do not know of it. All the processes of the development of the will, whether in the home, church, or school have use at some specific time."

Doctor Webb spoke of the neglect of the human will, emphasizing it by telling of Sir Isaac Newton, who said that the difference between him and other people was that he looked at things a little longer than others. The speaker pointed out the necessity of fixing the aim upon some definite object and striving to attain it and not be turned away by something close at hand.

Applying the power of the will to the moral world Dr. Webb spoke of the formation of habit, how by the repetition of thoughts and action they become fixed and governed the individual. "I sometimes think," said the speaker, "that we know more than our fathers about certain parts of education. The times have been when we were constantly reminded and cautioned as to avoiding this bad habit and that bad habit. Now more is being said about developing good habits than avoiding bad habits. We should make our habits our allies instead of our enemies."

"This is a commencement—a beginning, and I suggest to you that you form some purpose to look for those things worth while. If somewhere in your life there comes something of the light that forms a divine halo and awakens great hopes and aspirations, I hope you will cherish it as a heaven sent treasure. Whether you go to college and to the school sometimes called experience I hope you will be ready to do the brave and heroic thing, but if you do not have the opportunity you always have the opportunity to do the right. I suggest that you make this a stepping stone to a higher life and go out into the world and do something for the advancement of the world and God's purpose."

COULD NOT KEEP COUNT OF THEM.

Countless Mexicans Put to Death in Mexico City.

Vera Cruz, May 18.—"I did not keep count of them." This was the reply of Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, a refugee from the wrath of Huerta, when asked how many men had been put to death in Mexico City during the last twelve months. The "removal" of countless Mexicans, of high and low degree, was calmly discussed by the former minister of the interior with being Huerta's secret executioner. He admitted that many had been summarily killed, but denied all personal responsibility. When asked if he knew who killed Madero, he answered quickly:

"The gods killed him when his friends tried to rescue him."

Silliman Did Not Arrive.

Washington, May 18.—Fears for the safety of Conall Silliman were increased with reported arrival of the train from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, without Mr. Silliman aboard. The State Department professed to have no knowledge of the train's arrival and Mr. Bryan claimed to have no alarm.

Episcopal Diocese Meets in Raleigh.

Raleigh, May 18.—The ninety-eighth annual convention of the diocese of North Carolina convened for a three days session today in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Bishop Chesler presiding. Fifty-eight ministers are present from one hundred and ten parishes.

Death Sentence Commuted.

Raleigh, May 18.—Governor Craig commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of W. T. McKinnis, of Robeson county, sentenced to die in the electric chair June 12, for the murder of his brother-in-law.

Debate on Anti-Trust Bill.

Washington, May 18.—Debate began in the House today on the anti-trust bill. The committee agreed upon thirty-two hours of general debate.

VICE PRESIDENT AS "KIND OF SOCIALIST."

Would Desert Any Old Party For Right One, He Says.

Washington, May 18.—Vice President Marshall is a "kind of a Socialist," he told the congregation of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. More than that, he says, he stands ready to quit the Democratic party when the right kind of a Socialist party comes along.

The "right kind of a Socialist party," he declares, "would be a Socialist party that marched under the Stars and Stripes and according to the laws of Christian religion."

Marshall told the congregation too much power in the education of the children today had been surrendered by the church to the State, and this led up to the discussion of socialism.

"I am a Presbyterian," he said, "and believe the best way is to teach our own children under the Lord's administration. In this most intellectual church there are those who will differ with me. I am a kind of Socialist and stand ready to desert any old party the moment a Socialist party comes along that is formed in the Presbyterian Church or other church, but not a party that denies God and would thrust upon us the red banners of anarchy."

"We are too cowardly to follow out the line of reasoning that conscience suggests. So things go wrong throughout the country, and we have a red bag here and a red bag there, a bread line here and a bread line there."

Marshall also depreciated the cry of the poor against the rich, saying that the saintliest man he ever knew was very rich and the meanest very poor.

MELLEN AGAIN ON STAND.

Said Morgan Dominated New Haven, And the Directors Bowd at His Will.

Washington, May 18.—Charles S. Mellen resumed the witness stand in the Interstate Commerce Committee inquiry into the secret operations of the New Haven Railroad during the ten years he was head. He said that Morgan offered him the presidency in a conversation over the telephone. He said he was proud to be known as a "Morgan man" and enjoyed his confidence. He was sometimes called Morgan's office boy by the newspapers.

He said that Morgan dominated the New Haven. He was a man of great experience and the directors bowed at his will.

Mellen produced a remarkable prophecy, written in 1907. Writing of the now notorious Westchester Railway deal, Mellen said:

"Many reputations will be damaged in the New Haven. He was a man he frankly admitted that this has come true."

HUERTA WILL GO IF HE CAN DICTATE WAY

Diplomat Receives Message Confirming Stories of Conditions.—Wants to Run for President in July.

Vera Cruz, May 18.—General Victoriano Huerta will step out of the Provisional Presidency of Mexico provided United States will loan Mexico \$400,000,000, will lease Magdalena Bay for \$99,000,000 and will bar Venustiano Carranza from the Presidency, allowing Huerta some choice in the naming of his successor.

Reliable information from Mexico City this afternoon said that Huerta was today forwarding these instructions to his mediation delegates, his proposals being a reiteration of dispatches from here last week, telling the conditions under which the dictator would retire.

Huerta's Whims May Prevent Peace.

Those close to President Wilson say the question to be mediated is not the failure of Huerta to salute but the broad question of pacifying Mexico.

They declared American troops would not be withdrawn from Vera Cruz until a stable government is established or is in sight in Mexico City.

The three Mexican delegates are said to be decidedly optimistic concerning the chances for mediation.

They are said to realize that the present administration in Mexico City is fast crumbling and that the chance of some one to succeed Huerta is inevitable.

The Huerta delegates will insist that no man who has gained military prominence or is obtaining power "by arbitrary force" should be permitted to take the reins of government.

It is admitted by all Mexican factions that hostilities may at any time be provoked by the Huerta troops near Vera Cruz, which may generally entangle the situation and force another crisis.

Huerta's whimsical moods are pointed to, by even some of his friends as a dangerous aspect of the situation.

THE INTEREST SHIFTS TO NIAGARA FALLS

THE MEDIATORS WILL MEET THERE TOMORROW.

American Commissioners Left Washington This Morning.—They Think That Within a Week it Will Be Known Whether There is Hope of Ultimate Success.—Constitutionalists Still Defiant, and Say There Will Be No Compromise With Huerta.

Washington, May 18.—Interest in the Mexican situation shifted to Niagara Falls, Ontario, today. The American commissioners to the mediation conference, accompanied by a subordinate official, left here this morning. Commissioners Lamar and Lehman are certain that there will be no longer delay, and expressed the opinion that it will be possible to determine within a week whether or not there is hope of ultimate success. Information conveyed through them by President Wilson was that the mediators are in sympathy with the general contentions of the United States and would very probably use their influence to save the Huerta representatives make the necessary concessions. Meanwhile the attitude of the constitutionalist representatives here continues defiant. They assert that there will be no compromise with Huerta.

BIDS REJECTED.

For Flooring and Electrical Equipment for Court House.—New Keeper of County Home.

The board of county commissioners held special meeting yesterday for the purpose of considering bids for the flooring and electrical fixtures for the court house. After going over the bids the board rejected all of them and decided to advertise for his again. The Concord Gas Company was awarded the contract for installing equipment for gas lights in the jail and court house.

Mr. J. L. Towell was elected superintendent of the county home to succeed Mr. A. W. Morgan, resigned.

Farmer Shot by Farmer in Mecklenburg County.

Charlotte, May 18.—Alleging that Dillard Hooker, a young white man who works on the Wakefield farm east of the city, had ordered him out of his own home, H. O. Williams, who lives on Park road, five miles east of Charlotte, drew his pistol and fired five times yesterday afternoon just about sundown, four of the bullets taking effect, one entering Hooker's breast just to the left of his heart, another grooving his right side, a third his left arm and a fourth his right knee. He died fifteen minutes before midnight. Williams was arrested and brought to the city and lodged in jail, pending the determination of the extent of Hooker's injuries.

To the officers who arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, Williams stated that he had shot Hooker because he (Hooker) had ordered him out of his own home and that he didn't propose to stand for any such treatment. The two had been drinking together and the row is supposed to have started over some trivial affair, such as that detailed by the man who did the shooting.

Disclaimer's Contest.

The contest for the declaimers' medal at the Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute will be held next Monday, May 25, at 10.30 a. m. The following will be the programme:

Invocation.
Music.
L. B. Barnhardt, Subject: National Character.
Music.
C. J. M. Blume, subject: Regulus to the Carthaginians.
Music.
G. C. Jones, subject: The National Flag.
Music.
G. E. Kindley, subject: Opportunities of the Scholar.
Music.
E. E. Starnes, subject: Happiness and Liberty.
Music.
C. W. Trexler, subject: A Scene on the Battlefield.
Music.
Benediction.

Battle of Saltillo Today.

Juarez, Mex., May 19.—The battle of Saltillo is due to be fought today. Following his Torreon tactics, Gen. Villa established a strict censorship, not a single message having been received from correspondents at the front since early yesterday. Last news reports were that the advancing constitutionalists were sleeping in federal outposts.

Alms high is all right. But the sacred alms is the one who is sure the pig is not loaded with shanks.

FOREST HILL NEWS.

Cotton Mills to Close Down for the 20th.—Personal.

Mr. June Sapp, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives here for a few days. Miss Lou Faggart, who is in the Concord Hospital undergoing treatment, is improving nicely.

Mr. Frank Graham has gone to Chifton Forge, Va., where he is playing with the local league team of that place.

Mrs. J. E. Wright and Mrs. Ingrain Little have returned from a visit to friends in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCummins have returned from a visit to relatives in Mooresville.

Mrs. Floyd Bangle and Miss Netta Watkins have returned to their home in Charlotte after a visit to their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watkins. Mrs. Watkins, who is recovering from a two weeks' illness, accompanied them home and will spend several weeks with Mrs. Bangle.

Mrs. H. C. Rainer and Mrs. H. A. Petra spent yesterday in Charlotte to attend the funeral of their relative, Mr. Swain.

Mr. Jno. Walters spent Sunday in Charlotte with relatives. Messrs. J. S. Osborn and Rich Lowder spent Sunday here at the home of Mr. J. F. Broome.

Mr. Paul Moore has returned to his home in Kannapolis after a visit to relatives in Concord.

Mr. Mart Smith, of Greensboro, has accepted a position in the machine shop at Locke Mills and will play ball with the Lockites this season.

Mr. H. A. Petra spent Sunday in Charlotte with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Stone, of Hickory, are spending this week at the home of Mr. W. A. Stone.

Mr. W. P. Holt, of Columbus, Ga., has been in Concord this week attending the closing exercises at the graded school, where his daughter graduated. Mr. Holt and family will leave tonight for their new home in Georgia.

The Locke Cotton Mill and Buffalo Mill will be idle tomorrow, the 20th, giving their operatives the opportunity to visit Charlotte's celebration.

BILL BROWN HERE.

Alaskan Stage Driver and Team of Wolf Dogs Spend the Day Here.

Bill Brown, an Alaskan stage driver, drove into Concord yesterday and spent some time here, stopping at Brown Bros. stable. Brown did not drive a stage to Concord, but came in driving six big dogs hitched to a cart. He is on the last lap of a 2,500 mile trip.

Brown is driving his dog and wolf team on a journey that will lead through every State in the union, visiting each capital and every city of importance in the United States and Canada. He started from Nome, Alaska May 6th, 1912, and is due to complete the trip May 4th, 1913. Brown is considerably ahead of his schedule and, if he keeps up his present gait, hopes to complete his journey in about six months.

He is making the trip on a \$10,000 wager, this amount being bet by government representatives and the miners of Alaska. He travels at night and allows his dogs to rest in the day.

U. S. IN BETTER HEALTH.

Inhabitants Are Living Longer Than Ever Before.

Washington, May 18.—The United States is in better condition as to health than ever before, and its inhabitants are living longer, according to figures given out by the census bureau. Washington is the healthiest State, with eight and five-tenths per thousand death rate. North Carolina is the highest, with sixteen and eight-tenths per cent. The death rate of the nation is fourteen and one-tenth.

Mrs. J. M. O'ell and guests, Messdames F. C. Odell and G. S. Ferguson, are attending the Davidson commencement today.

WANTED!

Fifty Second-Hand Horses and Mules. Will be at Cori-Wadsworth Stables on Saturday, May 23, 1914. Will buy all Kinds.

T. W. GROVES

NOMINATIONS IN CONTEST NOW COMING IN FROM ALL DIRECTIONS

CAMPAIGN MANAGER KEPT BUSY WITH QUESTIONS OF SCORES OF INTERESTED AND ENTHUSIASTIC PARTIES.

A Few Contestants Are Already Starting Their Campaign.—Now is the Best Time to Commence While Territory is Still Fresh and Before Some One Else Gets Ahead of You

That The Times-Tribune Circulation Contest is taking Concord and community by storm is very evident by the number of nominations that are coming in and the interest that is manifested by the general public.

All day Monday and today, up until press time, nominations kept coming in by mail, by messenger and in person. Scores of people asked a hundred and one questions of the contest department in their eagerness to learn all about this wonderful gift distribution and just how it was going to be conducted. Many came to the office to get receipts, and signified their intention of getting out at once and hustling for subscriptions while the territory was fresh and before some one else would get to their friends.

And in this, as in every other competition, the one who start at the very beginning will be the one to have the advantage, for a little work now while the field is practically untouched will mean more than the same amount of work later.

Now is the time to send in your name and get a receipt book and start your campaign. Do not wait to see who else will be in the campaign, or to see what this or that friend of yours is going to do. Make up your mind at once that you want to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity for yourself and that you want to start at once so that no one will be ahead of you.

No matter what you may want, whether it be an automobile, a piano, or any of the other prizes, or even a little extra spending money for your summer vacation, here is your opportunity to get it. You can win any one of these prizes as well as any one else. It is not a case of luck or of popularity, but a case of good honest ambition backed by energy to get out and make the best of your opportunities.

And, remember, this contest is not like contests that have been conducted in this section in the past. At other times there were so many prizes and after these had been

awarded, those who did not have enough votes to win one of them, were left without any reward for their work. But in this contest it is different. No one shall be unrewarded no matter how much or how little work they may have done. At the end of the contest all of those who have not secured enough votes to win one of the prizes will be given a ten per cent. cash commission on all of the money that they have turned in during the campaign. That makes it impossible for anyone to lose and all are sure that they will be rewarded according to the effort that they put forth.

If you have a minute of spare time during the day, consider this wonderful opportunity at once. Come to The Times-Tribune office and ask to see the campaign manager. He will be glad to go over the plan of campaign with you and to explain anything that you do not understand. Get a receipt book and hustle right out among your friends and let them know that you are ambitious and energetic and that you are going to take advantage of your opportunities. Do this at once before some one else gets ahead of you. You will be surprised, when once started, to find how easy and pleasant the work is and how swiftly you can make your vote total climb.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Mrs. R. A. Brown Presented With a Victrola and Given a Surprise Birthday Dinner.

Mrs. R. A. Brown was happily surprised today, when returning from a drive to the country, to find at her home a number of relatives bearing a handsome birthday gift and a sumptuous birthday dinner awaiting her.

Unknown to Mrs. Brown her children and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and their children had arranged the pleasant surprise for her or her birthday. The gift was a Victrola and, following its presentation, an elegant dinner was served.

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